

It is a masterful will that compresses a life thought into a pregnant word or phrase and sends it ringing through the centuries.—William Matthews.

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BIG ISLAND HIT BY BIG STORMS

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)
HILO, Dec. 22.—Notwithstanding the tremendous rains of this week, the drainage canal through the Waiolama swamp has been able to take care of the water and convey it to the sea. Engineer Wheeler spent all day Monday in the heavy rain, inspecting the canal and other parts of the filled-in swamp. Wheeler says that he was delighted to see how the canal took care of the water and he also commented upon the fact that the reclaimed portion of the swamp shed the water well and sent it down to the big ditch.

The heavy rains of the early part of the week flooded other parts of the town, and there was much water to be seen everywhere on Monday last. However, the Waiolama swamp, through the good work of the new canal, showed but little effects from the downpour of rain.

At the Four Miles bridge on the Volcano road there was as usual a tremendous amount of water backed up and there must have been a depth of four feet or more of water over the bridge. The bridge was threatened with destruction early in the day and only for some wires that were attached to it the structure would surely have been washed away. As it was, the bridge keeled over at an angle and was only held by the wires.

Many people who were on the Olan side of the flooded bridge had to proceed to Eight Miles and there leave their automobiles and take the train for town. On the Hilo side there were many country people stranded and, as in some instances, they lived beyond the Fifteen Miles station, they had to stay in town as the railroad track was washed out at that point.

The Wailuku river ran higher than it has been seen for some years and a tremendous volume of water came down the gulch. The island above the bridge was almost all submerged but when the water was at its highest, there was still a small patch of rock to be seen above the raging river. There were some washouts along the government road towards Hamakua, and small landslides also happened at some points along the line. A heavy sea ran along the coast and steamers were unable to work at the plantation landings. In the kona there was some rain and a big thunderstorm on Tuesday last.

PROSPERITY BLAMED FOR EPIDEMIC OF GAMBLING

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)
WAILUKU, Maui, Dec. 27.—The county of Maui profited from plantation bonus money to the extent of nearly \$1000 during the past week. It came in the shape of fines and forfeited cash bail of several dozen Oriental gamblers taken in the police dragnets. Most of the raids were made in the camps of the Puunene plantation, where it is said some big games have been in progress lately.

With the unwanted prosperity of plantation laborers at present, due to the heavy bonuses being distributed, gambling is said to be flourishing all over the territory as never before and stories of big winnings are to be heard. One Japanese from Puunene, who had gotten a little stake of about \$100 from his hoe hanahana, shook his bones to such good result that he was swelling around early in the week with \$600 in his pockets. Then he started for Honolulu to take a steamer to Japan, but at Lahaina he lost his entire pile in less than half a day when he encountered some fellow countrymen a little smarter or luckier than he.

JAPANESE HONOR AVIATRIX STINSON

TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 24.—Miss Catherine Stinson, the American aviatrix, was yesterday presented with a gold medal, the gift of the City of Tokio. Since arriving here Miss Stinson has made three successful flights.

In addition to the medal the bird-woman has received a check from Princess Kakin and has been the guest of honor at three dinners given by businessmen and members of the Japanese Women's Association.

GIGANTIC NEWSPAPER TRUST IS TOLD WHEN JOURNALISTS ENTER QUARREL

VIENNA, Austria.—"Concordia," a journalistic association of Cranz, consisting of German-writing newspaper men of Bohemia, Salzburg and the Tyrol, has involved itself in a bitter controversy, and in doing so is throwing some interesting side lights on the newspaper situation in Austria by charging that a definite effort is being made to assemble the press of Vienna in a gigantic trust.

Privy Councillor Sieghart of one of the largest of the Vienna banks is the man the "Concordia" is fighting, and the journalists claim he, not content with controlling a large part of the Vienna papers, is now trying to extend his sphere of influence to Bohemia and the Tyrol. The control is being exerted, they claim, through the banks, and they want the new government to take a hand in the interests of a free and independent press.

Privy Councillor Sieghart, when the attack on him opened, defended himself vigorously and in a communica-

WALDRON FAVORS MORE AMUSEMENT

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)
HILO, Dec. 22.—"I believe," said Fred L. Waldron the other day, "that something more should be done to amuse the tourist when he or she is in the islands. It is all very well to get the tourists to come to Hawaii, take in the sights and then leave for the mainland again. What I would like to see would be something in the amusement line that would keep the visitors here longer and make them all happier while they are here."

"Tourists," continued the well known Honolulu man, "are always on the lookout for amusements. They are accustomed to have a good time wherever they go in their vacation time. If the Hawaii Promotion Committee would take up the home amusement part of the matter, I think there would be more contented tourists and that they would remain for a longer period in Hawaii than they now do."

I would suggest that a big amusement hall or pier, where dancing could be indulged in at any old time, would be appreciated by the tourists. People like to dance and there should be some place where they could fox-trot or bunny-bug to their heart's content. Amusement features should be provided so that time would not hang heavily on the hands of the visitors."

Waldron came to Hilo on the Kilauea last Sunday morning in order to be on hand to meet the steamship Great Northern, for which he is the Honolulu agent. He wanted especially to meet Mr. G. D. Jackson, general manager of the steamship company, and Mr. Koepfel, who is the agent for the company in Los Angeles, both the mainlanders are accompanied by their families and they are making the round trip in the Great Northern.

TEAR DOWN OLD FORT BUILDINGS

All old buildings at Fort De Russy—made useless with the erection of new and modern ones for officers and men—will be demolished in a very short time, according to word at the office of the constructing quartermaster.

When the wrecking work starts, the cost of the post for a short time will look as if a hurricane has hit it in spots, for the old structures are to come down in a hurry. Screens have already arrived for the officers' residences and as soon as they have been installed the work of demolishing the ancient buildings will begin.

MAGISTRATE DEMURS IN ACTION FOR DAMAGES

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)
WAILUKU, Maui, Dec. 25.—On behalf of District Magistrate Joseph G. Anjo of Makawao, County Attorney Bevins has filed a demurrer to the complaint of Dang Nam in the latter's suit for \$5000 damages, which he claims to have suffered through having had his person searched for opium on November 7. The demurrer holds that the action against the magistrate is not warranted. The case will probably come up after the first of the year before Judge Edging.

Considerable interest attaches to the case. The plaintiff Dang alleges in his complaint that he was arrested by Police Officer Joseph Morris on a John Doe search warrant, issued by Judge Anjo and subjected to the indignity of having his clothing gone through in the presence of a gaping crowd. No opium was brought to light and the damage suit follows. Eugene Murphy is attorney for Dang.

PROMINENT NEW YORK FINANCIER IS DEAD

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Col. Frederick Lawrence financier and capitalist and president of the New York Stock Exchange, died here yesterday.

tion to the new Koerber ministry declared, first, that he is not an owner of a large part of the Vienna press; second, that he has no intentions on the press of Bohemia and the Tyrol, and, thirdly, that he never had any intention to create a newspaper trust. "Concordia" returned to the attack with another communication to Koerber, in which the association declared the Councillor Sieghart controlled the Vienna Freudenblatt and its adjuncts, the Military Press, the Vidette, the Vienna Mittheilung, the Vienna Allgemeine Zeitung, the Illustrierte Wiener Extrablatt, the Neue Wiener Tagblatt, the Austrian Volkszeitung and the Vienna Achtehr Abendblatt.

As to Bohemia and the Tyrol, "Concordia" enumerated the purchase or control, through the Sieghart bank, one Prague daily paper and seven provincial papers—papers which are financially bound up with many others in Salzburg, the Tyrol and upper Austria.

TO REVISIT HOME AFTER 50 YEARS

Advices received from the mainland state that Benjamin F. Pitman of L. P. Hollander & Company of Boston is to revisit Hawaii after an absence of nearly 50 years.

As some will remember, Pitman is part Hawaiian, a son of Chiefess Kinoohe. She was a daughter of Hoolulu, a famous chief in the time of Kamehameha the Great.

Hoolulu and Ulumakehel (afterwards converted to Christianity and renamed Hoopik-Kane by the missionaries, and first governor of Maui) took the body of Kamehameha at his death and hid it in the caves at Kaloka fish ponds, according to Hawaiian custom with great chiefs.

The Chiefess Kinoohe who married Benjamin Pitman, senior, lived for many years in a mansion on the spot where the Hilo Hotel now stands. Pitman is a first cousin of the late George Beckley, for many years purser and director with the Inter-island Steamship Company. Beckley's mother was Kinoohe, sister of Chiefess Kinoohe. Pitman and a party of nine friends expect to arrive at the end of January in Honolulu. They will go to Hilo February 1 on the Matsonia, where he expects to spend several days looking up friends and descendants of his people.

\$1000 IS GIVEN FOR DORMITORY

As a Christmas gift to the Korean Girls' Seminary, Dr. Syngman Rhee, principal of the institution, has received from Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Dillingham a check for \$1000 to start a fund of \$8000 for the erection of a new dormitory which will accommodate 100 girls.

The gift was made Sunday. On Saturday "Campus Day" was held at the seminary, at which time a number of Korean men cleared a portion of the school premises in Puunui on which it is proposed to erect the new structure. Since the founding of the seminary the work has grown so rapidly that a new dormitory is now imperative and Doctor Rhee feels he will have little or no difficulty in securing the balance of the needed fund, which the Dillinghams have so generously started.

SCRAP IRON TAKES ON NEW VALUES AND IS EAGERLY SOUGHT

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)
HILO, Dec. 22.—Scrap iron seems to be on the move nowadays. The remnants of better days on the various plantations and villages are being bought up and shipped to Honolulu, and thence to the mainland, in a manner that shows how the war increases the value of any old kind of iron.

The steamship Kalulani of the Inter-island fleet left yesterday for Honolulu with a load of scrap iron and firewood. The iron will eventually find its way to Europe, it is surmised, but the firewood will be disposed of by the Honolulu housewives. Then there was the steamship Nihau, which sailed from Keahou yesterday with still more scrap iron. The iron will probably be bunched with that from the Kalulani and forwarded to Europe via the United States, but the rest of the cargo, which consists of cattle, will, without doubt, go the way of all flesh, via the butcher shop route in Honolulu.

RAILROAD PROBLEM SEEMS NEAR AMICABLE SOLUTION

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Conferences which may solve the problem of the railroad trainmen's eight-hour law and the Adamson act will begin here next week.

Representatives of the four big brotherhoods of railroad trainmen, engineers, firemen and conductors, and the executive heads of all the roads involved in the threatened strike early this year will meet at the conference. Chairman Lee of the men's committee stated yesterday that the brotherhoods were confident of an amicable agreement being reached by January 1, before the supreme court could decide on the constitutionality of the eight-hour law and before Congress could act on the Compulsory Arbitration Bill.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE OF AIRMAN FROM DEATH

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—Lyman Doty, a well known aviator, while flying over the exposition grounds yesterday afternoon, fell from a height of more than 500 feet and wrenched his ankle and suffered a slight cut over one eye. High and variable wind was the cause of the accident.

NAMES TAX ON SAKE

Ralph Johnstone of the internal revenue office Saturday sent out letters to sake brewers and dealers informing them that the tax on sake is to be 10 cents a gallon as from December 22. A cable last night from Washington set the date on which the new classification should become effective.

LATEST ACCESSION TO CIRCUIT COURT BENCH



Judge James L. Coke, recently named by President Wilson as third judge of the first circuit on Oahu. He will handle the criminal calendar next year.

WORKMEN SCARCE AT EXAMINATION

Because their laborers are afraid to take the physical examination required by the board of health before commencing work on the Maole ditch and tunnel project, Hillebrand Glen, J. C. Picanco and Frank Gomes, contractors, are facing unexpected difficulties.

The contractors have asked for a special meeting of the loan fund to consider their case, and it is likely that one will be called early this week. "We had 25 men ready for that job," declares Gomes, "but they soon got scared at the mention of a physical examination. They do not like the idea of going before a doctor. So far as I know no such requirement was ever made of a contractor before."

It is said that there is a clause in the contract whereby the commission is allowed to grant the use of non-citizen labor in case of emergency, and the contractors may ask this privilege at the meeting.

IN WAR ARENA

BRITAIN TO CENSOR NEWS OF STEAMER CASUALTIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—It is estimated that the British losses in her merchant marine now total 12 per cent of her available bottoms at the outbreak of the war. A total of 435 steamers have been lost in various ways, each of a tonnage averaging over 1600.

Word was received here yesterday from London that all shipping agencies and periodicals printing or sending out marine reports have been notified that no information will be given out in the future of the sailing of ships to and from England and Entente ports. The only exceptions to this rule will be in the case of vessels which meet with disaster.

HOLLAND TO SELL FOOD SUPPLIES TO GERMANY

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 25.—Holland has signed a treaty with Germany to supply certain provisions to the Teuton nation, according to a Central News despatch from Amsterdam. Eggs, milk and fruit are the three commodities included in the treaty, which Holland agrees to supply to her neighbor.

AUSTRIA BANS LUXURIES

VIENNA, Austria, Dec. 25.—The recently enacted law forbidding the importation of luxuries became effective yesterday. The object of the measure is to prevent the exportation of money, which is sadly needed at home.

WEDDING IN THE TOMBS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
TUSLA, Okla., Dec. 25.—Albert Patrick, the attorney who three times was sentenced to die in the electric chair at Sing Sing for the alleged murder of William Rice, and who was finally pardoned by the governor of New York, yesterday announced his engagement to Mildred West, daughter of a well known oil operator here. Patrick's first marriage was to the woman who had been his landlady and who stuck to him through thick and thin. The wedding ceremony was performed in the Tombs, New York.

Dr. John Palcom Shaw was formally inaugurated president of Elmira College for Women.

NEW CONTRACTOR MEETS TROUBLES

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)
HILO, Dec. 22.—It would appear as if the troubles of the new handler of the Hilo breakwater contract are beginning for on Sunday last he lost a scowload of rock which was on its way from Waipio to Hilo. It is reported from the Waipio quarry that a scow that was being loaded there bumped the bottom of the little bay and must have sustained a puncture which later on resulted in the scow becoming waterlogged. Then, encountering bad weather coming along the Hamakua coast, the scow bucked about until near load was thrown into the sea. The scow is now said to be waterlogged in Hilo bay.

The bad weather of the past week would have made it impossible, anyhow, to load or transport rock, and the new contractor is now experiencing some of the troubles that Contractor Marshall had to contend with for a long time.

Mr. George Marshall, Sr., left for Honolulu on Monday last and his family will follow about the end of this month.

TORREON TAKEN BY VILLA BAND

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.—The state and war department alike now have official confirmation of the reports that the Villista bandits have driven the Carranza troops out of the most important of the north Mexico cities, Torreon.

No details have been received, further than that the foreigners living in the city were given an opportunity to leave before the occupation. Despatches from El Paso confirm the statement by the state department.

SHINGLE BACKS UP STATEMENTS MADE BY OUTDOOR CIRCLE WOMEN

That Charles R. Frazier, owner of the Pioneer Advertising Company, was offered \$5000 for his billboard business by the Outdoor Circle and that he refused it, demanding \$15,000, is the statement of Robert W. Shingle, through whom the negotiations were carried on. During a recent controversy over billboards Frazier denied that he had been offered \$5000. Shingle, who was away at the time, has now returned and substantiates the claim of the Outdoor Circle that the offer was made.

Shingle says that the offer was made April 12, 1916, and when Frazier refused it, he then suggested that an arbitration committee be appointed to obtain the valuation of the billboard plant. The negotiations occupied considerable time and finally nothing was done as the ladies scattered for the summer.

GARDNER TO FIGHT HOUSE LEADER'S POLICY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.—Marked agitation in the ranks of the Republican party in the lower house for a conference which would outline a definite plan for constructive action has at last taken definite form.

Representative Gardner of Massachusetts announced last night that he intends to seek at once for a conference of the Republican leaders in the house in an effort to formulate the party policies for the session.

Mr. Gardner, who has been in strong opposition to Republican House Leader Mann of Illinois, declared that his latest move has nothing whatever to do with that opposition, which, he says, is based upon the belief that Mann represents "Prussianism" in international affairs.

"It is, as a matter of fact," said the Massachusetts solon, "high time for the party to be planning for the adoption of really progressive ideas. It is with this idea in mind that I have begun the work of calling a conference which will at least enable those of us who are bent on making progress instead of standing still, to voice our views."

MANY FILIPINOS ARE SEEKING CITIZENSHIP

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)
WAILUKU, Maui, Dec. 24.—During the past two or three weeks a total of 120 Filipinos have taken out their first papers of naturalization before Clerk V. C. Schoenberg of the 2d Circuit court, and there are some 400 others hoping to get into the same class before the first of the year. All of them are members of National Guard companies, and in order to remain so they must declare their intention to become American citizens. Whether the 400 will be accommodated during the next week or not depends upon whether or not the National Guard authorities can secure half a dozen assistants to aid Clerk Schoenberg in the large amount of clerical work involved.

The Dublin, Ireland, metropolitan police are agitating for a substantial increase of pay as well as a war bonus, to date from the outbreak of the war.

HEALTH WORK ON MAUI IS PRAISED

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)
WAILUKU, Maui, Dec. 24.—Particularly gratifying to Maui are the statements made by Dr. J. S. B. Pratt, president of the board of health, who spent several days this week on a general inspection of health conditions of this island. Dr. Pratt had been preceded by several days by Dr. L. L. Patterson, the board's expert in charge of tuberculosis work, and by M. B. Hailos, assistant food commissioner, who had been investigating in their own special lines preparatory to his coming.

Dr. Pratt was particularly warm in his praise of the work being done at the Kula Sanitarium. He and Dr. Patterson are a unit in declaring the Kula district to be most eminently adapted to the treatment of the great white plague of perhaps any place in the territory, and they are equally enthusiastic over what has been accomplished by Dr. Durney and the sanitarium board of managers in the past few years. With the recently installed ice and electric plant in good running order, a big dairy herd, and plenty of land on which to raise produce for the institution, the Honolulu officials see a bright future for Maui's fight against the destructive malady.

Work on School Starts
Dr. Pratt was particularly pleased with the progress of the children of the institution, for whom school classes are now maintained. Material for a new school building is at present on the ground.

In his tour of the plantations by automobile, Dr. Pratt noted very extensive new construction, and generally a satisfactory condition of camp sanitation. The big new water filtration system of the Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company is probably one of the most striking illustrations of the triumph of science over disease. Since the camps of the big plantation have been supplied with filtered water, typhoid fever has almost disappeared, where before that the hospital was constantly caring for sufferers from this disease.

Wailuku Now Safe
The Wailuku water supply is now pronounced safe by the health authorities since there are now no residences in Iao Valley above the intake. In a few weeks more the intake will be located still further up the stream where contamination will be even less likely.

COULTER CANVASES TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION AT NOON ON THURSDAY

A large number of oil paintings by W. A. Coulter, the California artist, will be put up at public auction Thursday noon in the gallery, 1061 Alakea street, where he is now showing his canvases. Mr. Coulter's work is well known and appreciated in Hawaii and it is expected that the attendance at the sale will be large. A number of his fine marine views are already in Honolulu homes and many others in California private galleries.

The gallery here, which is in the Kerr building, will be open from 9:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily and tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock.

CELLULOID FACTORY FIRE CLAIMS HEAVY TOLL

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji)
TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 25.—A big fire broke out yesterday following an explosion in the factory of the Mikuni Celluloid Manufacturing Company in Osaka. The factory, several warehouses of the company and 44 houses surrounding the factory were destroyed. Missionaries in Osaka and other cities are doing their best to help the victims and families of the dead.

NEW MARMON '34' REACHES CITY; LIGHTWEIGHT IS STRONG FEATURE

The first shipment of the new Marmon "34" to arrive in Honolulu came today on the Mauna, to the local agency, Ables-Hertsche Company, Ltd. More than ever before weight is a feature which attracts a great amount of attention from the motoring public. People who buy the costlier makes of cars know from experience that, as a rule, the cars are very heavy and very expensive to operate and maintain.

The Marmon 34 is practically 1100 pounds lighter than any other car of equal size and power of the same class. It is interesting to note that the saving lies, that is to take various parts of the car and show where these parts are lighter than corresponding parts in other cars.

As an example, the Marmon 34 motor weighs altogether about 700 pounds. The average six-cylinder motor of the same class will weigh about 1100 pounds, while, as a general rule, the same powered motor with 12 cylinders weighs about 1200 pounds.

The Marmon 34 frame is about the same weight as the frame of any other car of the same class, but the Marmon is different in that the frame assembly includes the running boards, running board brackets, side shields, fenders, supports, etc., which are not included in an ordinary frame and which on the usual car would make

PEACE ALL RIGHT AT PROPER TIME

Millions of bushels of wheat are lying in Australian ports, badly needed in England, but lacking transportation; all wool in the southern dominion has been taken over by the government, which fixes its own price; over 100,000 Australians are somewhere in Africa and France fighting for their king; labor difficulties are becoming frightful and despite all this Australians who want peace say "when the proper time comes."

Colin Campbell, a wealthy sheepman and wheat grower of New South Wales, is here for the first visit, taking much needed vacation in company with John Faulkner of Sydney. They go to Hilo this afternoon. Campbell controls several thousand acres of grazing and farming land and knows what it is to give his produce over to the government, but does not complain.

"We have to sacrifice something," he says simply. Wheat which Campbell could have sold to private concerns for \$1 or more a bushel goes to the government for about 60 cents, and then can not be shipped; wool, which is selling privately for as much as 75 cents a pound, is bringing much less from the government; laborers are striking and there is a probability of government interference, so Campbell came here for a rest.

MUTUAL COMPANY REDUCES RATES

A big reduction of the wireless rates between the islands has been announced by the Mutual Telephone Company following a meeting last week of the directors. The new rates will go into effect January 1.

The new schedule abolishes the minimum charge of \$1.50 for straight messages, permitting the sending of one word for 15 cents. The charge of 50 cents a word for code messages has been reduced to 25 cents and the minimum rate of \$1.50 abolished, and the night radio messages, permitting 24 words, will cost \$1 instead of \$1.50, and the charge for each extra word 1 cent instead of 5 cents.

CHINESE TROOPS FOIL TEUTON ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP RUSSIAN RAILROAD

(Special Cable to Hawaii Hechi)
TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 24.—A band of 80 German soldiers, dressed in civilian clothes, attempted to blow up a section of the Trans-Siberian Railway at Halrai, Mongolia, yesterday, according to despatches from Harbin. The point of attack is near the Russian frontier.

The sudden appearance of such a large armed force of Germans at this point created a sensation. The dynamiters were attacked by Chinese troops and routed. None was captured.

It is believed that the Germans are all members of a party of 1000 or more that escaped from Tsingtau before the city was captured by the Japanese. Russian officials here freely state that they suspect the plot to dynamite the railroad and hamper the shipment of munitions and supplies from Japan to the Russian front was hatched by German consular officials in China.

Korean bandits who succeeded in damaging a part of the Eastern China Railway Friday are suspected of working in cooperation with the Germans.

A novel fact that resembles the familiar electric fan is driven by a hot air engine in its base, gas or denatured alcohol being the fuel used.